

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cage et al., for the reasons of record. Specifically, with regard to independent claim 1, it was admitted that Cage does not specifically teach "means for storing pointer coordinates in the memory on a first-in first-out basis." Nevertheless, it was suggested that it would have been obvious to utilize Cage's coordinate updating section as a functional equivalent.

In response, it is respectfully submitted that, in the context of the substantially different problem addressed by Cage (namely estimating the direction of movement of an image by computation to permit operation of a pointer on a screen even on a surface which does not provide proper friction or on a vertical surface) it would not have been obvious to utilize Cage's coordinate updating section as a functional equivalent to the "storing based on a first-in first-out basis" as disclosed and claimed by Applicants to accomplish a substantially different purpose.

Furthermore, in order to more clearly and precisely recite the foregoing difference, claim 1 has been amended to more particularly and precisely recite that pointer coordinates are assigned to the information processing device as a function of pointer coordinates present in the memory and a point in time prior to clicking of the displacement signal generating device button to prevent unwanted

hand movement at the instant of clicking from introducing an error in the pointer coordinates. It is respectfully submitted that this additional language clearly distinguishes the purpose, intent and structure from the present invention over that of the cited and applied reference.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied reference. Accordingly, allowance of the currently-pending claims is now respectfully submitted to be justified, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

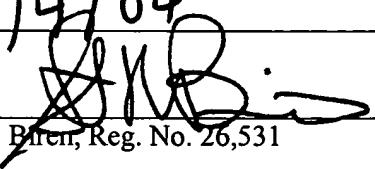
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